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SUBJECT: U.S. PROFESSOR PROGRAM

REF: KIBBLE-WARD APRIL 8 LETTER

1. AT SOME POINT IN THE PAST, TIMING OF FISCAL YEAR FUNDING VERSUS ACADEMIC YEAR HAS GOTTEN ONE YEAR OFF FOR GUYANA SO THAT PROFESSOR CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN RECRUITED TO GO ALMOST IMMEDIATELY RATHER THAN BEING RECRUITED ABOUT A YEAR IN ADVANCE. MCDOWELL WHO WENT FOR 1974-75 WAS FY 75 FUNDED RATHER THAN FY 74 AS WOULD HAVE BEEN USUAL, WITH THE RESULT THAT HAMNER TIMING WAS ALSO OFF. POST'S MARCH 1975 CPP REQUESTED FOR FY 76 AS FIRST PRIORITY A U.S. PROFESSOR IN AMERICAN STUDIES, AND FOURTH PRIORITY PARTIAL GRANT FOR U.S. DIRECTOR OF CARIBBEAN STUDIES (HOGG). CIES RECRUITED HAMNER FOR THE PROFESSOR SLOT BUT AS EXPLAINED IN WEAVER-KIBBLE SEPT 5, 1975 LETTER, HAMNER WAS FUNDED FROM FY 75 FALLOUT. HAD FALLOUT NOT BEEN AVAILABLE, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN FY 76.

2. PROBLEM NOW IS TO GET TIMING AND FUNDING BACK ON REGULAR SCHEDULE. THE POST'S FY 1977 CU PORTION OF CPP SHOULD THEREFORE REQUEST PROFESSOR(S) WHO WOULD GO FOR ACADEMIC

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YEAR 1977-78 (EXCEPT HOGG RENEWAL, WHICH MUST BE REQUESTED UNDER FY 77 AS HE IS NOW THERE). FY 78 REQUEST WOULD BE FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 78-79.

3. POST'S FY 76 ALLOCATION INCLUDES PROFESSOR FUNDS ONLY FOR THE PARTIAL FOR HOGG, AND CIES ACCORDINGLY HAS NOT ANNOUNCED ANY OPENINGS FOR GUYANA FOR 76-77 ACADEMIC YEAR. IF THE POST IS COUNTING ON A 76-77 PROFESSOR OF AMERICAN STUDIES, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO HANDLE FUNDING UNDER ALLOCATION FOR TRANSITIONAL QUARTER, AND SINCE THERE IS NO FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT, IT MIGHT STILL BE POSSIBLE TO RECRUIT SUITABLE CANDIDATES. CABLED COMMENTS REQUESTED. ROBINSON

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